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Application Number	10/053,496
Filing Date	11/09/2001
First Named Inventor	FONG PIAU
Art Unit	2188
Examiner Name	MIDYS, INOA
Attorney Docket Number	FLEX1814RCE

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IN RE APPLICATION OF: FONG PIAU and ONG CHUN HUAT SERIAL NUMBER: 10/053,496 FILED: November 9, 2001 FOR: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING COMPACT FLASH MEMORY	PATENT ART UNIT NO.: 2188 EXAMINER: MIDYS INOA ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: FLEX1814RCE
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San Jose, California
February 18, 2004

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RCE REQUEST

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above application.

Applicant is a small entity.

This request is being submitted prior to the payment of the issue fee.

The Applicant requests continued examination based upon the Amendments of August 20, 2002 and other amendments that may be submitted prior to examination of the above-referenced application.

**RESPONSE A
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: FLEX1814****February 18, 2004**

The total amount of fees due in this matter is \$385.00. A fully executed PTO form 2038 is submitted herewith authorizing the Commissioner to debit the undersigned credit card account in that amount. A check in the amount of \$385.00 will be sent with the new declaration and power of attorney and preliminary amendment to follow. We ask the PTO's tolerance in this regard since communication with the Applicant is slow and difficult, given that the Applicant is in Malaysia.

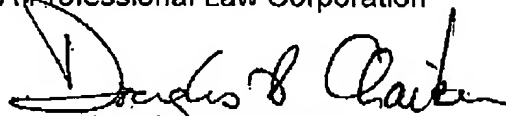
There is an outstanding final office action in this case dated November 19, 2003. The prosecution on this case is closed.

The same inventors as previously designated remain in the application referenced above.

If any questions should arise with respect to the above, or if it would in any way expedite the prosecution of this case, Applicant's attorney would appreciate a telephone call at (408) 965-4001.

Respectfully submitted,

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